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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

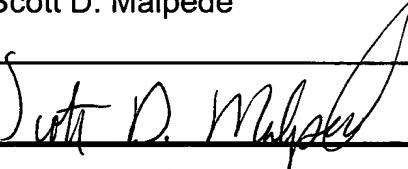
<i>U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE</i>	Application Number	09/864,309
	Filing Date	May 25, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Shigeyuki UZAWA et al.
	Group Art Unit	2125
	Examiner Name	R. A. Jarrett
	Attorney Docket Number	00862.022239

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>March 22, 2005</u> . (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed	
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ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	01 FCB309
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	01 FCB309
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	01 FCB309
2. Miscellaneous	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Applicants petition the Examiner to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated <u>December 22, 2004</u> , for one month from March 22, 2005, up to and including April 22, 2005, and submit \$120.00.	
3. Fees	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>06-1205</u>	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks in the amounts of \$790.00 and \$120.00 are enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee and extension of time fee, respectively.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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